

**TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY  
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE**



**FISCAL NOTE**

**HB 3332 - SB 3230**

February 18, 2010

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Removes the cap of 24 local education agencies (LEAs) that may operate an innovative educational program that emphasizes school-based decision making and small learning communities. Gives the Commissioner of Education the authority to authorize any LEA to operate at least one such program that emphasizes school-based decision making. Upon approval by the local board of education, the director of schools may apply to the Commissioner to operate a school according to an alternative plan. Principals may be authorized to develop this plan through their contracts. Removes the requirement that principals consult with faculty members before the implementation of an alternative plan.

**ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase Local Expenditures – Not Significant/Permissive**

Assumptions:

- LEAs are not required to begin innovative education programs.
- An LEA not currently operating an innovative education plan may apply to begin one. According to the Department of Education, the Commissioner of Education will not approve a plan that has a significant cost to the LEA. Any increase in permissive local expenditures is estimated to be not significant.

**CERTIFICATION:**

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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James W. White, Executive Director

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